

Application No. 10/655,096  
Amendment dated May 30, 2006  
Reply to Office Action mailed January 20, 2006

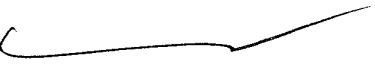
**REMARKS**

Claims 18-30 have been canceled. The applicants reserve the right to file a continuation application directed to the invention in such claims. After cancellation of these claims, claims 1-17 remain pending.

It is believed that the application is in condition for allowance, and the Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner allow pending claims 1-17 and pass this application to issue.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required with respect to this communication, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1135.

Respectfully submitted,

By:   
Steven G. Parmelee  
Registration No. 28,790

Date: May 30, 2006

FITCH, EVEN, TABIN & FLANNERY  
Suite 1600  
120 South LaSalle  
Chicago, Illinois 60603-3406  
Telephone: (312) 577-7000  
Facsimile: (312) 577-7007

450857